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## COASTLAND FACED WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRESS SANFORD AND HODGES ADVISE

### Speeches at Aviation Celebration Point to a Future As Big As The People Wish to Make It; Many Surprises on Program Saturday at Kill Devil Hills; Encouragement for Beach Road and Ocracoke Ferry.

Unprecedented opportunities face the Walter Raleigh Coastland: there are good prospects for a beach boulevard from Nags Head to Virginia Beach; it is likely ferry service southward from Ocracoke will be resumed; enlargement is in prospect for Fort Raleigh historical site, and continued improvement of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore area is a certainty, are things confirmed by all the speakers at Kill Devil Hills Saturday, and particularly by Governor Luther Hodges, and Governor-elect Terry Sanford.

The day's program included many surprises. Unexpectedly, Senator Lindsay Warren, the man who guided legislation through Congress making possible both the Wright Memorial and the Cape Hatteras National Seashore turned up as a visitor and was applauded at both the morning and the luncheon program.

The program included both the Governor and the next Governor, and both agreed that this area of the state would in time become a National Shrine of enormous magnitude.

Principal speaker was the vigorous 82-year-old retired Major General Benjamin D. Foulis who flew the first plane for the army in 1910 and who had been closely associated with Orville and Wilbur Wright. He recited many of his early experiences.

Presiding at the morning program which began at 10:30 at the new Wright Visitor center was David Stick of Kitty Hawk, chairman of the Museum Committee.

The Elizabeth City High School band furnished music for the occasion. The invocation was by Father Peter M. Denges of Kill Devil Hills. A welcome was extended by the town's Mayor, R. H. Cook.

Governor Luther Hodges welcomed all to North Carolina, and hinted at an early resolution of the Ocracoke Ferry problem to the benefit of all concerned.

A fly-over by U. S. Air Force jet planes was described by Major Al Baker of the Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va. Several wreaths were presented in honor of the Wright Brothers.

Director Conrad Wirth told of his hopes for enlargement and improvement at Fort Raleigh and continued expansion of the seashore, in his talk at this memorial service.

Beside Conrad Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, Gen. Foulis, Governor Hodges and Mr. Sanford, other notables included Congressman Herbert Bonner, Mr. Warren; Hon. Geo. W. Abbot, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Rear Admiral Peter V. Colmar, Commander of the 5th Coast Guard District; Elbert Cox, Regional Director of the National Park Service; Miss Camille Elias of the NPS, Washington, D. C., gifted singer who sang the National Anthem, and America the Beautiful; Dr. Oskar J. W. Hansen, of Charlottesville who sculptured the busts of the Wright Brothers at this memorial; Rear-Admiral Jesse G. Johnson, (Ret.), president American Air Mail Stamp Association; Herbert B. Kalish, of the Air Force Association; John D. Cabot, NPS Chief of Architecture and Design in the East, from Phila.; Maj. Gen. R. M. Montgomery of the U. S. Air Force; William Tucker, President of the North Electric Co., donors of the busts of the Wrights, and Commander John M. Thomas, executive officer of the Carrier Kitty Hawk now under construction.

Some 200 people attended the luncheon, at 12:30 at the Shrine club. This meeting was opened by S. Wade Marr, who was unanimously re-elected for the third time as President of the Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society. Invocation was by Rev. Harold Leatherman, of the Manteo Methodist Church; State Senator N. Elton Aydtlett of Elizabeth City was toastmaster; Miss Elias sang America the Beautiful, accompanied by Dick Jordan at the piano. Distinguished guests were presented and a great ovation was given Mr. Warren. A. W. Drinkwater of Manteo, who figured in the early history made by the Wrights in Dare County in 1903 was presented.

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## CURRITUCK BEACH RECALLED FOR ITS PLEASANT LIVING

### They Were Great Days of 60 Years Ago, Says Van Lewark, Who Spent Many Years There

The agitation for an ocean highway down from Virginia Beach, via Currituck Beach, stirs pleasant memories in the mind of W. Van Lewark, 79, retired Coast Guard veteran of Manteo, whose boyhood was spent in the delightful soundside village at Currituck Inlet, sometimes called "Slabtown," later Penny's Hill, and lastly Sea Gull.

It was a delightful life 60 and more years ago, avers Capt. Lewark who recalls his boyhood life amidst a large family, where everyone had plenty of everything they thought they needed; where no man was burdened by debts of any kind, but could always reach down in the sock and bring up money when he needed it.

It was a time when a man's principal income came from shooting wild ducks for market, and the women and boys earned money sitting up half the night loading brass shells for the next day's hunt. It was a time when one could take with nets all the fish and more than he could sell, either from Currituck Sound or the ocean. It was a time even, when on occasion, fine gray trout could be picked up on the beach where they had been run ashore by the fierce blue fish of those days. The monsters would bite off the tails of the trout, and unable to steer themselves, they were tossed on shore by the surf.

Mr. Lewark remembers when his father observed a school of blue fish along the surf, sent him to the house for a pitchfork and there he speared and threw ashore dozens of big blues, weighing as much as 30 pounds each. In those days, every household had not only barrels of fish, pork and beef salted down for the winter's meat, but at least a barrel of swan, and sometimes of ducks and geese packed in salt to be soaked out as occasion called for.

There were some joys in those days, as witness the time when people would come up in a team of 50 from the churches of the Kitty Hawk vicinity to engage in a singing match with the people of Currituck Beach. At one time, Mr. Lewark recalls, 18 of such a party slept in his daddy's house, and the boys were sent out to sleep on the beach.

Every man worth while had wild cattle which he would drive to Virginia Beach to market, and plenty of hogs, sheep, etc. One of the diversions of boys in those days was to go to the beach and see CURRITUCK, Page Four

## EXPLANATION OF MISHAP AT WANCHESE IS OFFERED

Donald Payne, 17, who was reported as the driver of the car in which his twin brother, Ronald was killed at Wanchese last week, wishes to offer a correction. He says he was riding on the back seat of another car driven by Malcolm Daniels, Jr. and on the front seat was Tindale Daniels. He said he was leaning forward looking ahead, and noticed the car his brother drove run off the road, apparently having a blow-out, for he saw fire when the rim scraped the pavement, and that as a result of efforts to get the car back on the road, it upset. He says at no time was the car, which was owned by himself and his brother, exceeding the speed limit.

Accompanying Ronald Payne were Cary Stetson, David Daniels and Ricky Scarborough. The seven boys had been taking part in rehearsals of a Christmas program and had decided to go to Manteo to buy some soft drinks. The two cars were returning to Wanchese when the mishap occurred.

Both Payne boys were employed as school bus drivers, and bear a good name. Donald Payne says Ronald was driving their car. At the time officers investigated they did not learn who was driving, due to the upset condition of the witnesses.

## MR. AND MRS. GRIGGS HONOR SENATOR WARREN



FRIDAY night, Mr. and Mrs. Walton Griggs honored Senator Lindsay Warren on his 71st birthday. Shown in the picture are Rep. Walton Griggs of Currituck County, Mr. Warren, Mrs. Griggs, and Governor-elect, Terry Sanford.

## LINDSAY WARREN'S BIRTHDAY IS NOTED AT POINT HARBOR

### With Terry Sanford, Honor Guest at Party of 50 Entertained by Griggses

More than 40 persons gathered at Point Harbor Friday night as guests of Walton Griggs, Representative elect from Currituck County, and Mrs. Griggs, to do honor to former Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren, who observed his 71st birthday, and Terry Sanford, Governor-elect of North Carolina.

The group included most of the legislators from the area in the forthcoming General Assembly. A massive birthday cake was presented Mr. Warren, and Mr. Sanford praised him for a long record of leadership, and a man of great wisdom on whom he expected to rely upon becoming governor.

The menu consisted of oysters on the half shell, roast mullet, roast wildfowl, Currituck yams and other native foods. Several of the legislators, after a two days' hunt, guests of Orville Woodhouse of Grandy, brought the ducks.

Oldest legislator present, and who was honored, was R. Bruce Etheridge of Dare County whose first session in the legislature was in 1903. Only three of his colleagues of that session are living.

State Senator Elton Aydtlett of Elizabeth City was toastmaster, and brief talks were made by Mr. Warren, now a state Senator, who paid liberal tribute to Terry Sanford as a Governor whose administration will be a successful one; by Joe Hunt, the next speaker of the N. C. General Assembly; by Mr. Sanford, and by Woodrow Price of the News and Observer of Raleigh.

Others attending included Senator Emmett Winslow of Hertford, Representatives Wayland Sermons of Beaufort County; Albert Byrum of Chowan County; former Senator Merrill Evans of Ahoskie; Orville Woodhouse of the Wildlife Commission; State Game Warden Bob Halstead of Washington; Judge Chester Marris; Wesley Callipher of Elizabeth City; Ben Roney of Rocky Mount; Roy Wilder of Spring Hope; Bill White of Jacksonville, N. C.; Lawrence Wofford of Raleigh; Dr. C. N. Wright of Jarvisburg; Fred Cox of Grifton; Clifton H. Moore, Cyrus Aydtlett, W. B. Woodhouse, Rep. Elect C. D. Ferrell of Pasquotank; Rep. Elect M. K. Fearing, Jr. of Kill Devil Hills; Victor Meekins of Manteo; Richard Atkinson, Jr. of Edenton; Lorimer Middgett and Joe Ferrell of Elizabeth City; M. E. Sawyer, who extended a welcome on behalf of the Currituck County board; Jarvis Griggs and F. R. Morse of Point Harbor; Rep. Elect Calles L. McPherson of Camden; Will C. Flora of Shawboro, Sgt. Logan Lane of Elizabeth City; Capt. Sam Mitchell of Greenville; Archie T. Lane, Rep. Elect of Perquimans County, and W. T. Hurtt of Point Harbor.

Judge Chester Morris also spoke briefly. Mr. Aydtlett paid high tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Griggs.

Walton Griggs was described at this meeting as an ambassador of good will, who sits at the gateway of the Outer Banks dispensing hospitality and making friends for the area. Mrs. Griggs, who is native of Hatteras Island received many compliments for the successful dinner which lasted for more than two hours.

## ANNUAL BELHAVEN DRAMA CONTINUES WITH SUCCESS

### Program, "Christmas Lights," Is Improved and Attracts Larger Crowds Each Year

A large crowd was on hand in Belhaven Friday evening when the program "Christmas Lights" was presented at the old school building on Main Street at 7 o'clock. Each year the program gets better according to comments of persons who have not missed a performance.

Immediately following the program the Matcha Pungo Garden Club held open house at the Community Center. From the lovely wreath on the door back to the kitchen everything was in readiness for the Yule season. Arrangements suitable for use in the home during the holiday season were on display. The huge mantel was lovely with greens, candies and a metallic swag; presenting a most effective picture.

On the refreshment table was a candle arrangement and trays of party sandwiches, nuts, mints and candies and a lovely punch service from which the guests served themselves.

Music and dancing were enjoyed by the teenagers. Mrs. James Yance, Mrs. Jesse Taylor, Mrs. Vann Latham, Mrs. Rad Jones and Mrs. W. E. Bateman, Jr. were the hostesses of the evening.

The huge Christmas tree and other decorations will remain for the remainder of the holiday season.

## UNCLE DOCK FROM DUCK WRITES: Can't Understand Why United States Should Carry Whole World on Its Shoulders

Dear Mr. Editor:

The more I read about what's going on, the more puzzled I become. We see by the papers that the black folks of the Congo insisted they should be allowed to govern their country, and the Belgians gave it to them to govern.

Then we see the Congo people all split up over who shall be the leader. Then we see certain parts of it, those people consider themselves better off, or above the others, or richer in natural resources, seceding and establishing separate countries.

The Congo leaders admit they cannot handle the situation unless they get a lot of money. They never consider the idea of going to work for it, in a land where natives never worked for anything, for it is lush with fruits and vegetables, and game animals and missionaries to eat.

So the first thing they do is demand the United Nations give them all the money they want. This means of course the United States would put up just about all of it. At the least hesitancy to give them all the dough they want, they tell us Russia is ready to give it to them if we won't.

I wonder if anyone has ever considered letting Russia support all these people awhile, while we catch up with our home work?

We never even bother to talk about the billions borrowed from us by Russia, which she never offers to repay. If Russia is able to feed Castro, the Congo, and all other scum of the earth willing to be converted to communism, why can't she pay us back the money we let her have to get on her feet?

## TANKER DISASTER BRINGS DEATH AT SEA OFF HATTERAS

### Crew of 39 at Mercy of Waters; Coast Guard Maintains Watch; Ships Alerted

Death at sea came to some members of the crew of 39 of the American tanker Pine Ridge which broke in two some 125 miles east of Cape Hatteras Wednesday. Coast Guard planes were dispatched to keep watch, and to attempt to alert other vessels to the scene.

Five men were noticed in the water, and ten to 16 more were reported seen remaining on the semi-submerged stern of the vessel which, though, listed, remained afloat. Other ships were many miles away, although one merchant ship, the Norwegian Arctis stood by awaiting an opportunity to help, but winds were at gale force and seas were 30 feet high. Debris and a lifeboat were seen afloat near the doomed ship. The Arctis crew saw the ship break, and radioed word of the disaster.

The homeport of the Pine Ridge is Wilmington, N. C. and the vessel was en route from New York to Corpus Christi, Texas.

Some of the men got on a life raft. The Gulf waters were 74 degree temperature, but the rough seas made everything extremely hazardous.

Life rafts and jackets were dropped from Coast Guard planes, two of which flew out of Elizabeth City. Both fixed wing planes and helicopters were on the scene all day.

A late report Thursday said 15 had been removed by Navy helicopter from the stern section, but seven who had been on the bow were feared lost.

## DREDGING PROJECTS AT OCRACOKE PROGRESSING

OCRACOKE, Dec. 20.—Work on the dredging of the entrance to Silver Lake Harbor at Ocracoke was begun on Sunday by the Hodges Company of New Bern. This is about a six-day job and will provide a good channel into Ocracoke Harbor. Work at Wainwright Channel, which was filled in during Hurricane Donna, is completed, and when the dredge completes this Ocracoke job, it will do Wallace Channel. Completion of these three danger spots will eliminate any further trouble experienced by the late Sea Level ferry and provide good depth for a future ferry route south to the mainland from Ocracoke.

## LUXURY FERRY SERVICE JUSTIFIED FOR OCRACOKE BY A MASTER MARINER

### Capt. Marvin W. Howard, Who Was Skipper of the "Sea Level," Rhetorically Translates the Delights and Values of A Kind of Service That Won't Sell North Carolina Short to Tourists; Ocracoke Man Has Had Colorful Career.

## MANTEO GARDEN CLUB TO HEAR SPECIALIST



DR. BRYSON L. JAMES, Extension Horticulture Specialist from State College, will present the program for the Manteo Garden Club in January. The Club will meet with Mrs. Burl Evans at the Manteo Motel, January 5.

Mr. James, a native of Florence, Ala. studied ornamental horticulture at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute where he received his B. S. degree. From 1955 to 1959 he studied at Ohio State University and completed his Master of Science degree and was also awarded a PHD in Ornamental Horticulture. Dr. James is a member of several honorary fraternities. He has been employed by the North Carolina State College Extension Service since April 1959. He will be introduced by J. L. Rea, Jr., County Agricultural Agent.

## BAPTISTS TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SAT.

A Christmas pageant will be presented by the Manteo Baptist Church on the lawn in front of the church on Saturday evening, December 24th at 8:00 o'clock under the direction of Roy King. The pageant was also presented on Thursday.

The pastor of the church, Rev. M. J. Davis, will be the narrator and the church choir will furnish the music with Mrs. Willis Pearce at the organ. The cast will be made up of local people being members of the church and of the community.

This pageant can be seen best from the sidewalk across from the church and you are asked not to park your car in front of the church as it will block the view of those on the sidewalk.

The public is invited to attend this pageant and worship with them at either or both of these presentations.

## MANTEO FIREMEN BRINGING SANTA TO ROANOKE ISLAND

Santa Claus is coming for his annual ride on the Fire truck. The Manteo Fire Department will be Santa's host Saturday, December 24 and will give him the opportunity of seeing small children in Manteo at the theatre parking lot from 2 to 3 o'clock. He will then be taken to the Roanoke School yard and visit with the colored children of the area until nearly 4 when he will go to Wanchese, and stop near the Supermarket until 5 o'clock.

## NINE CASES SUBMITTED

Judgements in nine cases in Recorders Court in Dare County during the past two weeks are as follows: Ten dollar fines to Marshall R. Gibbs, Manteo, Robert A. Young, Jr., Kill Devil Hills, speeding; Rondal H. Scarborough, Kitty Hawk, driving on wrong side; Wm. C. Gray, Kitty Hawk for failing to yield right of way; Lucy A. Ballance of Hatteras paid \$12; E. G. Williams, Jr. Avon \$13, and John E. Sawyer, Darien, Ga. for speeding. E. L. Austin of Wanchese, \$25 for reckless and careless driving.

By Capt. MARVIN W. HOWARD I would appreciate it very highly if you will enter this script in your paper in order that the public will have information sort-of first hand by one of the masters who operated the ferry "Sea Level" from May 26, 1960 to September 30, 1960. His views, his experiences, knowledge and certain amount of findings while thus employed. It appears that most everyone most inclined has written in behalf of the ferry "Sea Level" and I must say all the write-ups, their pleas, etc., are to my mind good. However, it also appears that some of the assumptions as set forth are really without too solid a foundation or good judgement most especially regarding the ferry, as to her qualifications for ferry service. "What are the principals needed for good ferry service?"

There are many good features attributable to the ferry "Sea Level." I personally believe the Taylor Brothers had in mind when they built the "Sea Level," something real good, real fine, something resembling the Good North State, the people who desire to travel on it. A ferry of which North Carolina State, the Country, and all who may travel would be able and proud to acclaim as worthy of a good name, not only from looks, but for accommodations and conveniences that people from all over the U.S.A. and foreign lands would consider being happy to ride the second and third time or more, and while thus so riding, feel happy and content.

Some say the "Sea Level" is not properly designed for this assignment. I say, with few exceptions, the "Sea Level" is very good. She has many features that are of the first order. Where could one find one vessel that has been constructed perfect? I've never really seen a perfect boat or a ship. I know, as I'll explain later who I am and you people can use your judgement as to whether I am capable of passing judgement on the vessel.

Who wants to sit in their car on a hot summer day for 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours in strong winds with spray flying all over, no place to lie down, no place to get a cup of coffee, no place to bask in the sunshine, no place to view the surrounding waters in comfort, no place for a sandwich or a soft drink. The above it what you don't have on ferries like the ones now employed at Hatteras Inlet, Oregon Inlet and Alligator River and these are the conveniences one has while riding the ferry "Sea Level." Let me say this, why not have something really nice as they do on the Chesapeake Bay, on Long Island Sound, on Martha's Vineyard and other places of travel. Go to Canada and look at the ferries between St. Johns, New Brunswick to Nova Scotia. See if they or any of the rest are riding cracker boxes, or a convenient vessel? Stop and think as to whether the operators are interested in arrangements for the general public to ride in comfort or whether they believe in the good old days where no conveniences were available. If the State of North Carolina can build roads, for instance, like the scenic highway in Western North Carolina, why then can't we make our ferry service scenic as well. Let's give the people who pay the taxes and the people from all over the world who travel to see our unique Seashore National Park (the only one in existence) a decent, sea worthy, up-to-date ferry to ride on. The ferry "Sea Level" has the qualifications for this route—Ocracoke to Atlantic or Cedar Island.

Another credit to the ferry "Sea Level" is the service. All the officers are presentable, they are there for service. Each licensed officer holds a first aid certificate and is able to serve the public. They are courteous. When one feels nauseous the crew members are ready and willing to dole out Dramamine. If a passenger gets his skin torn or a slight cut thru any cause he is treated properly. The vessel "Sea Level" has the accommodations to secure peoples automobiles in rough weather and crew members patrol every half hour or so to be safe. The vessel is under document and has See FERRY, Page Four